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In re Application of: Fukumura *et al.*

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For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for Nerve Cell**

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Examiner: to be assigned

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Second Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments:

Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-12 with the following paragraph:

Figure 1 schematically shows a method for constructing the replication competent SeV comprising a foreign gene, such as for GFP or β -glucuronidase. Using primer 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), which has a *NotI* site, and primer 2 (SEQ ID NO:2), which comprises, a transcription termination signal (R2), an intervening sequence (IG), a transcription initiation sequence (R1) and a *NotI* site, the ORF of a foreign gene is amplified by PCR and inserted into the *NotI* site of pUC18/T7HVJRz.DNA (+18) (SEQ ID NO:3).